



## Central Savannah River Section

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### **Mark your Calendars:**

#### **UPCOMING AACEI-CSRA SECTION MEETINGS**

**4/29/10** Lyden D.(Dave) Olson, SRR  
**5/27/10** Joint Meeting with PMI  
**6/27-30/10** Annual Conference

### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **2010-2011 Board of Directors**

The nominating committee for the AACEI Section of the Central Savannah River Area is finalizing the roster for next year's board membership. (See Page 2 for details.) Please contact Kathlene Roberson if you are interested in participating on the AACEI-CSRA Section Board.

### **Members and Friends Spotlight**



## **AACEI Monthly Dinner Meeting April 29, 2010(Thursday)**

### ***"Project Management Leadership Life Lessons"***



**Lyden D. (Dave) Olson**

Deputy Project Manager and Operations  
Savannah River Remediation

**Please RSVP by COB 4/26/10 to either:**  
**David Larsen, 208-0815, david.larsen@srs.gov**  
**Ronny McIver, 952-5942, ronny.mciver@srs.gov**

**5:45 p.m. Registration and Networking**

**6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program**

**Cost:**

**Members \$15 per person**

**Non-Members \$20 per person**

**Guests/Spouses are welcome**

**Location:**

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### President's Corner



Kathy Roberson  
AACEI-CSRA  
Section President

**The AACEI Section of the Central Savannah River Area is finalizing the 2010-2011 AACEI-CSRA Board nominations.** Below are the current nominations received. If anyone is interested in running for an officer or board position, and is a member in good standing, please send me an email and I will include your name on the ballot. The last day to submit nominations will be at our next section meeting, Thursday, April 29, 2010.

<b>President:</b>	Kathlene Roberson, EVP
<b>Programs Director:</b>	Laurel Wilson
<b>Education Director:</b>	Jim Hammond, EVP
<b>Communication Director:</b>	Stephen Gross, EVP
<b>Membership Director:</b>	Gary Bunker, CCC
<b>Marketing Director:</b>	Joe Knick, EVP, PMP
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Myron Berry, CCC, PMP

Aaron Clements of C&C Automotive, provided an entertaining and informative evening during our last AACEI-CSRA dinner meeting! He regaled us with several tidbits in attracting and keeping a sound customer base, as well as several good tips about buying cars, and the auto repair business during the question/answer session.

The 4/29/10 dinner meeting will feature Dave Olson, from Savannah River Remediation. Come join us at the North Augusta Community Center!

### **AACEI-CSRA Board of Directors**

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Past President  
Ronny McIver, CCC, EVP

Regional Director  
Asoka Pillai, CCE, EVP

#### **AACEI Headquarters INFO!**

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### 2010 South Carolina Future City Competition State Winners, Blythe Middle School



The 2010 South Carolina Future City Competition, sponsored by SRNS and the University of South Carolina Aiken's Ruth Patrick Science Center, was recently held at USCA.

The **AACEI-CSRA Section** sponsored one of the awards given at the event and also assisted with the judging at the annual event.

Thank you Myron Berry for representing the AACEI-CSRA Section!

### CERTIFICATION EXAM CALENDAR

#### Upcoming Certification Exam Dates

##### **At the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Atlanta GA**

**6/26/10** Certification Exams

4/27/10 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam

5/11/10 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam

**7/10/10** Certification Exams – Augusta State Univ.

4/27/10 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam

5/11/10 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam

**11/6/10** Certification Exams – Augusta State Univ.

8/23/10 – Early Deadline for Certification Exam

9/06/10 – Final Deadline for Certification Exam

### WORKSHOP TO BE RESCHEDULED

The EVP Workshop scheduled for 5/7/10, has been postponed until late summer, early fall. Several folks have expressed an interest in attending, but would prefer having the next class before the 9/6/10 registration deadline.

We will schedule a time with the Augusta State University and let you know date in a future newsletter.



#### **TCM: Cost Engineering on My Mind**

At the Atlanta Marriott Marquis

Atlanta, GA

Sunday, June 27, 2010 thru Wednesday,

June 30, 2010

**AACEI Annual Meeting Update: General Peter Pace,  
USMC (Ret.) is the Keynote Speaker**





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As Deputy Project Manager and Operations at Savannah River Remediation (SRR), Dave Olson provides operational leadership for the Liquid Waste contract at SRS. His responsibilities include assuring that all safety and environmental regulations are strictly maintained; assuring safe operation of all facilities; and developing strategic execution plans that will maintain all liquid waste facilities and assure delivery of the Department of Energy and other stakeholder project objectives.

Mr. Olson has held management positions at the Savannah River Site since 1981. Prior to his present position, he was Executive Vice President of Washington Savannah River Company. Before that, he served as Liquid Waste Operations manager, where he was responsible for successfully executing and managing operational, project, construction, and other business functions as required to deliver the SRS strategic mission objectives in Liquid Waste and associated areas.

Mr. Olson manages work that is technically complex, logistically complicated, and Strategically connected to virtually every site mission involving nuclear materials.

Mr. Olson has more than 28 years of experience in government nuclear facilities. He has held positions of increasing line management responsibility, including assignments as the restart manager of F Canyon, facility manager of several nuclear operations, and area project manager of high level waste operations. During these assignments, Mr. Olson gained subject matter expertise in human performance, readiness reviews, and leadership development.

Mr. Olson's teams have always been recognized for high performing project management while focusing on safety, quality, teamwork, and schedule adherence.

Mr. Olson is a winner of the 2003 Washington Group International (WGI) Lion's Award for the Off-Spec Highly-Enriched Uranium Blend Down Project and the 2006 WGI Energy & Environment Employee Development Award. He has also received the 2004 Secretary's Excellence in Acquisition Award. He was awarded the 2008 Executive of the Year by the Savannah River Chapter of the National Management Association.

**Education**

*Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering, University of Minnesota*

*MBA, Augusta State University*

*Project Management Professional Certification*

## **Highlights from the March Dinner Meeting**

**Aaron Clements of C&C Automotive**



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The talk started out with a bit of sage advice.

*"What you make you spend,  
What you save you loose &  
What you give you keep."*

That may have been a hint that he was hoping for a lot of participation. It turned out that he really didn't need to worry about that.



At C&C Automotive they tend to come across 3 types of people.

One type is the customer who'll ask:

How much will it cost and when will the car be ready?

Another type of customer will ask:

How much are the parts, how much will the labor cost and when will the car be ready?

The third type of customer will ask:

How much are the parts, how much is the labor and exactly how does that part work?

Maybe Aaron wasn't too sure how to relate to a bunch of cost engineers. I suspect he had us pegged as the group 3 type.

At any rate we learned some things.



It used to be that most visits to the repair shop involved fixing something. These days most visits are to provide preventative maintenance. We were told that the quality is generally higher these days for most cars. Cars come with more filters and the respective fluids so that proper maintenance means the average car can last longer than they used to. It's common to expect and get over 100,000 miles from a car if it's maintained.



There were a number of other tips, tricks and the latest advise on how get the most from our cars, still a major expense today.

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### **Central Savannah River Section News**

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Membership is open to cost and management professionals and visitors are welcome at Section meetings.

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